

## LASKEY ANSWERS RIGGS BANK PLEA

Says Delay in Trial Was Partly  
Due to Fight Against Being  
Tried by Covington.

### JUDGE DEEMED PARTISAN

Motion for Speedy Trial of Officials  
on Perjury Charge Will Be  
Argued This Morning.

That the defendants did not want to go on trial on charges of perjury before Chief Justice J. Henry Covington, and that they requested that another justice be allowed to sit in their case, was the statement of District Attorney John E. Laskey yesterday in answer to the charge that he had unnecessarily delayed the trial of President Charles C. Glover, Vice President William J. Flather, and former Cashier Henry H. Flather, of the Riggs National Bank.

A hearing on the motion for a bill of particulars and to advance the cases on the docket of the Criminal branch of the District Supreme Court will be held this morning at 9:30 o'clock before Justice Siddons. The perjury trial had been set for May 8. The hearing on the petition for an immediate trial was to have been held yesterday morning, but Justice Siddons set it over until today because of a criminal case he had earlier decided to hear yesterday.

Attorneys for the defendants said yesterday that they had asked to have the trial date moved up, but that nothing had been done by the District attorney to gain them this privilege. In his affidavit, District Attorney Laskey said the attorneys for the defendants had mentioned the fact of an early trial being desired by them, but that the principal object of their communications with him between January 8 and February 6, 1916, was to secure a change in the personnel of the court and to obtain a bill of particulars.

Objected to Covington.

Mr. Laskey made a part of the record certain letters he had written to the defendants and their attorneys. One of these says that attorneys for the defendants objected to Justice Covington because their clients felt that Justice Covington was prejudiced against them. He says that at their request he carried these objections to Justice Covington and that "he had stated that he was naturally unwilling to preside at the trial of a case where the parties entertained a real feeling that he was prejudiced." The District attorney says that Justice Covington did not make up his mind then as to what he would do in the matter.

He continues with a recital of several other informal requests the attorneys made to him later, and then says that on the day this letter was written (February 2) he had seen the justice and heard from him the statement that when the trial was called Mr. Laskey had best call it before another justice of the criminal courts. The District attorney says "He desired it to be made plain, however, that as a justice he could not recognize as a matter of right existing with any defendant the exclusion of a trial justice for bias."

Attorneys J. J. Darlington, Frank J. Hogan, George P. Hoover, William G. Johnson and Daniel W. O'Donoghue represent the bank officials, while the prosecution is in the hands of District Attorney John E. Laskey, Assistant District Attorney James B. Archer and Assistant Attorney General William C. Pitts.

### AQUARIUM SOCIETY TO HIKE.

Outing Will Be Held Tomorrow  
Afternoon.

The reconvening party of the Aquarium Society of Washington, composed of Dr. W. O. Emery and Edward S. Schmid, has made a thorough inspection of the streams and brooks between Cabin John Bridge and Glen Echo, preparatory to the research work contemplated by the society for tomorrow afternoon. They found a great many salamanders, crayfish, frogs, small turtles, and other aquatic flora and fauna, which will give the aquarium hikers an opportunity to collect early specimens in nearby streams, with which to renew their aquariums for summer study.

Among the scientists who will lead the research parties tomorrow afternoon are Dr. Paul Bartsch, curator of mollusks of the National Museum; Dr. W. O. Emery, United States Department of Agriculture, and Dr. R. W. Shufeldt, Medical Corps, U. S. A.

The outing is open to all lovers of nature, who should leave Georgetown not later than 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, as the party will leave Cabin John Bridge promptly at 3 o'clock.

### POSTAL CLERKS TO MEET.

Union Members Will Be Addressed  
by Representative Nolan.

Washington Local, No. 142, of the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks, will hold an open meeting tomorrow afternoon at Typographical Temple, 423 G street.

Representative John I. Nolan, author of the \$4 minimum-wage bill now pending before the House Labor Committee, will tell why the government should be more liberal in its treatment of the employees who serve in minor capacities.

Representative Carl C. Van Dyke, a former postoffice clerk, is scheduled to talk on "Postal Employees' Organizations." Mr. Van Dyke was for many years directly interested in the fight for remedial legislation waged by the postal clerks. Secretary Frank Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, will present the Washington local with its charter of affiliation.

### Legislative Session Prolonged.

Bucharest, April 7.—Official announcement was made today that the Roumanian Parliament would remain in session for the rest of April. This is attributed to sudden developments in the relations between Roumania and Bulgaria.

### NOLAN TO ADDRESS FORUM.

California Congressman Will Lead  
Discussion Tomorrow.

Representative John I. Nolan, of California, author of the Nolan bill to increase the pay of government employees, will be the principal speaker at the Grover Cleveland Community Forum meeting at Public Library tomorrow afternoon at 8 o'clock.

Miss Florence Etheridge, lawyer, member of the Supreme Court bar of the District, employe in the Department of the Interior, and temporary treasurer of the Federal Employes' Union, who came into prominence in the hearings on the Nolan bill, will follow Representative Nolan, and open the general discussion on the merits of this measure and the necessity for its passage. Following Miss Etheridge, five minutes will be allowed each speaker, either for or against the bill, in the general discussion from the floor.

A. J. Driscoll, president of the forum, will preside.

## USE OF SCHOOLS ON SUNDAY IS OPPOSED

Members of Board of Education De-  
clare Policy Would Work Hard-  
ship on Employes.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Interdenominational Union was held yesterday afternoon at St. Paul's Episcopal Lutheran Church, and besides the selection of officers, addresses were delivered by Mrs. Edith Kingman Kern and Ernest Daniel, of the Board of Education.

Both speakers discussed the community forum question, and praised the work, but both opposed the opening of the schools on Sundays.

In regard to the use of the school

buildings for community centers, Mr. Daniels said that if the school buildings were opened on Sundays it would force a great hardship on the principals and janitors, who would be compelled to work extra hours without receiving compensation for the same.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. John N. Culbertson, president; Mrs. Alice Logan, first vice president-at-large; Mrs. A. A. Burney, first vice president representing the Protestant Episcopal Church; Mrs. W. F. Crafts, first vice president representing the Reform Bureau; Mrs. Fred Bell, first vice president representing the Baptist Church; Mrs. Henry Anstadt, first vice president representing the Lutheran church; Mrs. Washington Topham, treasurer; Mrs. S. C. Cissel, recording secretary; Mrs. R. S. Whaley, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Hattie Petril, secretary of literature.

Herbert D. Bonn has been reinstated as messenger at \$1,000 a year in the Bureau of Fisheries of the Department of Commerce.

## WILL PLAN TODAY FOR WOMAN VOTERS' PARTY

Advisory Council Conference to Be  
Held at Congressional Union  
Headquarters.

The advisory council conference called by Miss Alice Paul, national chairman of the Congressional Union, for the purpose of discussing plans relative to the formation of a woman voters' party, will be called to order this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the national headquarters of the organization on Lafayette square. Approximately 30 delegates will be in attendance.

The business session of this afternoon will be presided over by Mrs. John Rogers, of New York. Speeches will be

made by Miss Paul, Miss Lucy Burns, national vice chairman, and Miss Anne Martin, of Nevada, national chairman of the legislative committee.

At the evening session the delegates chosen by the Congressional Union branches in the unfranchised States to make the appeal to the Western women voters will be confirmed by the national officers and final details definitely agreed upon. A feature of the program will be the discussion of the subject, "Women Voters' Attitude Toward the Appeal of Eastern Suffragists," by a group of voting women.

Mrs. Richard Wainwright, wife of Admiral Wainwright, will be hostess at the luncheon to be given tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at headquarters in honor of the departing envoys, who leave immediately afterward for the trip across the continent.

Friend—Have you always been in this business?

Insurance Adjuster—Oh, no. I began life as a messenger boy, but the pace was too fast.—Life.

## POLO ENTRIES ARE CLOSED.

Spring Meet to Be Held Here April  
15 to 30.

Entries for the Army Polo Association's spring meet, April 15 to 30, have been closed and final details of the affair are now being completed.

Four teams have entered the contests, and a partial list of their players is as follows: Pine Tree Polo Club, of Alken, S. C.—James O'Day, captain; H. East, Edward Carey, and W. B. Hubert; Deal Polo Club, of Deal, N. J.—Joseph E. Meyer, captain, James Minnick; Westmoreland Polo Club, of Westmoreland, W. Va.—Burrell Huff, captain; Fred Allison. The Washington Polo Club has not announced its team. Hugh Legare is captain.

C. C. Rumsey, of International polo fame probably will be referee. The games will be played on the speedway in Potomac Park.

Captain H. N. Cootes, aide to Gen. Scott, chief of the General Staff, U. S. A., is secretary of the association.



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